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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 6214

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BG, IN

SUBJECT: FARAKKA TALKS ADJOURNED

REF: DACCA 6194

1. THE INDO-BANGLADESH TALKS ON FARAKKA ADJOURNED ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8. JAGJIVAN RAM, INDIAN DELEGATION LEADER, SAID THEY WOULD BE RESUMED IN DACCA "AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME." HE STRESSED THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WOULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS.
2. THE LEADERS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS, ADMIRAL KHAN AND RAM, TALKED WITHOUT AIDES DURING MOST OF THE TEN HOURS OF MEETINGS. AFTER EMERGING FROM THEIR FINAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, BOTH LEADERS CAREFULLY ASSURED REPORTERS THAT THEY WERE "IN QUEST OF PROGRESS" AND THAT THE TALKS HAD BEEN "PURPOSEFUL AND SERIOUS." NEITHER LEADER, HOWEVER, WOULD DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS.
3. JAGJIVAN RAM MET ALSO FOR ONE HOUR WEDNESDAY WITH GENERAL ZIA AND LATER WITH PRESIDENT SAYEM. NO STATEMENTS WERE ISSUED.

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4. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE MEETINGS AND

THE REPORTING ON THE TALKS HAS BEEN AS MINIMAL AS POSSIBLE. WHEN THE LEADERS MET BRIEFLY WITH REPORTERS, THEY GAVE ONLY STANDARD BUT RATHER DETERMINED ASSURANCES OF PROGRESS. IT SEEMS THAT THE BANGLADESHIS REALIZE THAT THIS MAY BE THEIR FINAL CHANCE FOR SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS AND THEY WISH TO PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY. WE ARE A BIT SURPRISED NEXT ROUND WAS SET FOR DACCA, NOT DELHI, WHICH SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT THIS SESSION IS TO BE RESUMED RATHER THAN A NEW ROUND BEGUN AND THEREBY ADJOURNMENT "SINE DIE" IS AVOIDED.

5. VISITING AP CORRESPONDENT, WHO SAW ZIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER JAGJIVAN LEFT, TOLD POL COUNSELOR THAT ZIA "LAMBASTED" INDIANS ON "MISCREANT" PROBLEM AND SECONDARILY ON FARAKKA. FROM THIS HE SURMISED THAT THE ZIA-JAGJIVAN TALK HAD NOT GONE WELL. CORRESPONDENT HAS FILED STORY WHICH QUOTES ZIA ACCUSING INDIA OF ATTEMPTING TO "DESTABLIZE" BANGLADESH.  
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